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PATENT  
Docket No. 20144-301

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventor(s):  
Douglas Duchon  
James Presthus

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING INTRAUTERINE ADHESIONS

1. Type of Application  
This new application is for a(n)  
☒ Original (non provisional)  
☐ Design  
☐ Plant
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
3. ☒ Specification, including Description, Claims and Abstract (Total Page: 59)
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total sheets 49)
5. Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy) (informal)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventors (Signed statement attached deleting inventors(s) named in the prior application. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 133 (b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. ☐ CD-ROM or DC-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if application, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper

9. ☒ An assignment of the invention to Impres Medical, Inc.  
☐ is attached. A separate ☐ "COVERSHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT)  
ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or ☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.  
☒ will follow.
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) (Power of Attorney by Assignee) (informal)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Copies of citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35-USC 122 (b)(2)(B)(i) (Non-publication Request)
17. ☐ Other

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

**Prior application information:**

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR § 1.16(a)
			\$710.00
Total Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(c))	110-20=90	x \$18.00=	1620.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b))	10-3=7	x \$80.00=	540.00
Multiple dependent claims(s), if any (37 CFR § 1.16(d))		+ \$270.00=	0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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Title: **METHOD & APPARATUS  
FOR CREATING  
INTRAUTERINE ADHESIONS**

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Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Atty Docket No.: 20144-500

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of  
pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/840,951  
Filed on: 04/24/2001  
Entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING INTRAUTERINE  
ADHESION**  
Inventors: Douglas J. Duchon et al

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed specification of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed specification of prior application numbers 09/840,951, filed April 24, 2001, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

2. ☐ The preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application:

	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Basic Fee	\$385.00	\$770.00	385.00
Total Claims exceeding 20: 0 x	\$9.00	\$18.00	00.00
Indep. Claims exceeding 3: 0 x	\$86.00	\$43.00	00.00
Multiple Dep. Claims +	<u>\$290.00</u>	<u>\$145.00</u>	
Total			\$385.00

3. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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9. ☒ Amend the specification:

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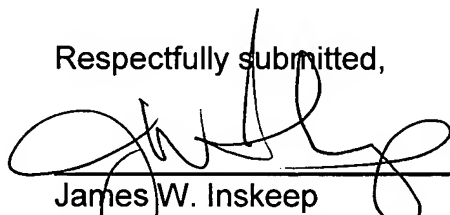
CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/840,951, filed April 24, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/256,529, filed December 18, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/199,736, filed April 25, 2000, whose contents are fully incorporated herein by reference.

10. ☒ Return Postcard.

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